

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Newly Amended) A user equipment comprising:

a transmitter for transmitting a ~~signature in~~ selected preamble out one of a set of preambles in a slot out of a plurality of time slots divided by time of a common packet channel, the common packet channel using defined by a predetermined set of codes ~~and having a plurality of access opportunities, each access opportunity defined by a time slot of the plurality of time slots and a signature; and~~

~~a received receiver for receiving a combined collision signal and channel indicator, the channel indicator indicating an identifier of a selected code out of the predetermined set of codes, the selected code selected from a currently unused code, if available, based on a code association with the access opportunity defined by the selected signature and selected one time slot the channel indicator being associated with the selected preamble; and~~

wherein the user equipment communicates using the one selected code.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Canceled).

4. (Canceled).

5. (Canceled).

6. (Newly Amended) The user equipment of claim 1 wherein the ~~identifier combined collision signal and channel indicator distinguishes between codes using an inversion is indicated by a selected one out of a set of phases of an acknowledgement signal.~~

7. (Canceled).

8. (Canceled).

9. (Newly Amended) A user equipment comprising:

~~means for transmitting a signature in a selected preamble out one of a set of preambles in a slot out of a plurality of time slots divided by time of a common packet channel, the common packet channel using defined by a predetermined set of codes and having a plurality of access opportunity defined by a time slot of the plurality of time slots and a signature;~~

~~means for receiving a combined collision signal and channel indicator, the channel indicator indicating an identifier of a selected code out of the predetermined set of codes, the selected code selected from a currently unused code, if available, based on a code association with the access opportunity defined by the selected signature and selected one time slot the channel indicator being associated with the selected preamble; and~~

~~means for communicating using the selected one code.~~

10. (Canceled).

11. (Canceled).

12. (Canceled).

13. (Canceled).

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14. (Newly Amended) The user equipment of claim 9 wherein the identifier combined collision signal and channel indicator distinguishes between codes using an inversion is indicated by a selected one out of a set of phases of an acknowledgement signal.

15. (Canceled).

16. (Canceled).